

**Minutes of the Meeting
February 4, 1999**

Projects Reviewed

Holly Park (Site Visit)

Convened: 10:00am

Adjourned: 4:00pm

Commissioners Present

Rick Sundberg, chair

Moe Batra

Gail Dubrow

Jeff Girvin

Gerald Hansmire

Jon Layzer

Staff Present

Vanessa Murdock

Peter Aylsworth

Rebecca Walls

020499.1 Project: **Executive Director Candidate Forum**
 Phase: Executive Director Search
 Time: 1 hr. (N/C)

The Commission discussed urban design and related issues with a candidate for the Executive Director Position.

020499.2 Project: **Commission Business**

Action Items:

- A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 21ST MEETING: Approved as amended.

Discussion Items:

- B. LIGHT RAIL REVIEW PANEL: The panel has been discussing the South end proposals for rail alignment. The next LRRP meeting is scheduled for February 10.
- C. WOODLAND PARK ZOO CONSULTANT SELECTION: The review of proposals is underway.
- D. MEADOWBROOK POND EDUCATION FACILITY UPDATE: Project manager Pamela Miller is developing an Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the education center.
- E. SAND POINT CONSULTANT SELECTION: Commissioner Girvin participated in the consultant selection process.
- F. CENTRAL AREA GATEWAY WORKSHOP: The workshop is scheduled for Saturday February 6th, from 8:00 to 3:30. Commissioner Layzer and staff will attend.
- G. LIBRARIES: Commission staff have met with Library staff to discuss Design Commission involvement in the development of central downtown and neighborhood library projects.
- H. DOWNTOWN URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK PLAN: The Design Commission will draft a letter of support for the Downtown Urban Design Framework Plan.
- I. KUBOTA GARDEN: Commissioners Girvin and Layzer reviewed the Neighborhood Matching Fund Grant project for the Kubota Garden Stroll Garden during a subcommittee meeting on February 4th. The project proposal was reviewed with Pam Kliment from the Department of Parks and Recreation and a representative from the Kubota Garden Foundation. The project as presented deviates from the Kubota Garden Master Plan, but was supported by the Commissioners because it reinforces the dynamic, working nature of the Kubota Garden. The stroll garden will adaptively re-use an area of the park that is currently under-utilized. The retention of Tom Kubota as the design consultant for the proposed stroll garden is contingent on the Design Commission's support. Involving Kubota family members in the design of improvements for the park is consistent with the historical development of the park. The Commission supports the subcommittee's recommendations regarding Tom Kubota being retained as the design consultant for the stroll garden project.

020499.3 Project: **Holly Park Phase II**
 Phase: Site Visit
Presenters: Peter Greaves, Weinstein Copeland Architects
 Kenichi Nakano, Nakano Associates
 Peg Staeheli, SvR Desing Company
 Ed Weinstein, Weinstein Copeland Architects
Attendees: Emily Barevics, Popkin Development
 Theresa Cherniak, Strategic Planning Office
 Melanie Davies, Swift & Company
 Carter Hart, Seattle Housing Authority
 Peter Hummel, Nakano Associates
 Vince Lyons, Design, Construction & Land Use
 Vlad Oustimovitch, Popkin Development
 Pascal St.Gerard, Central Budget Office
Time: 2 hr. (0.3%)

The Design Commission visited the Holly Park project site and was given a tour of the Phase I area, currently under construction, and the Phase II area which will include multiple street vacations and realignments.